



ASHREINNEWS

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Menahel's Message

Looking Out for Number One?

The *berachos* of Yakov Aveinu to each of the twelve tribes represent not only a father's prophetic personal aspirations for each of his sons, but eternal lessons in priorities for all.

When blessing Asher, Yakov references the bountiful *bread* of his tribe's portion: "מאשר שמינה לחמו." For Asher, explains the Alshich Hakadosh, plentiful bread was apparently more than adequate. Yet note the same verse's concluding words: "והוא יתן מעדני מלך" - "And he shall give (to others) *delicacies* of kings." Asher was content to subsist on bread and other basic staples, but when it came to giving to others, only the choicest delicacies would do.

The Gaon of Vilna derives a similar lesson from the Torah's presentation of the *mitzvah* of *matza*. In commanding each Jew to personally eat *matzot*, *tochlu*, the word "מצת" is written חסר - without a *vav*: "בערב" "תאכלו מצת". Yet when commanding the obligation to ensure that *matzos* be eaten by others, *tocheilu* in the passive, *matzos* is spelled fully, מלא - with a *vav*: "שבעת ימים מצות תאכלו" Skimp for yourself (*chaser*) - but no cutting corners (*maleh*) when it comes to others!

Food for thought.

Rabbi Ari Jacobson

Grandparent's Blessing

Mrs. Jennah Schuh, Assistant Principal, General Studies

In the week's parsha, Parashas Vayechi, Yaakov calls forward, not only his own children, but his two grandsons as well. He then gives them all brachas calling out different personality traits. The fact that Yaakov connects with children and grandchildren is incredibly special and establishes the generational connection that the Jewish family holds in the utmost importance. At ASHAR, we believe that a meaningful way for our students to reach their academic and growth potential is to connect with their roots.

This week, ASHAR began a new tradition: Grandparents' day! Our early childhood students (with the assistance of seventh-grade girls) celebrated their grandparents while exhibiting their Torah learning and skills by participating in activities culminating Sefer Berashis. This introduces the concept that their learning does not exist in isolation, but connects to a world beyond the walls of ASHAR.

Social studies in first and second grades uses students' families and communities as a basis for understanding the greater world around them. Beginning with the family unit, students build their social studies skills throughout the grades, eventually recognizing their place in their family tree, their link to the Jewish people and their role in history.

Every year, our sixth-grade girls participate in a year-long Bat-Mitzvah project. The girls research their names and their origins. Their personal research allows them not only to find out about the person they are named for, but that person's qualities and life. (cont.)

Change
4-8B Sunday!
Sunday Shacharis: 8 a.m.
Pick up: 11:30

BOYS

Riddle of the Week

Who am I?

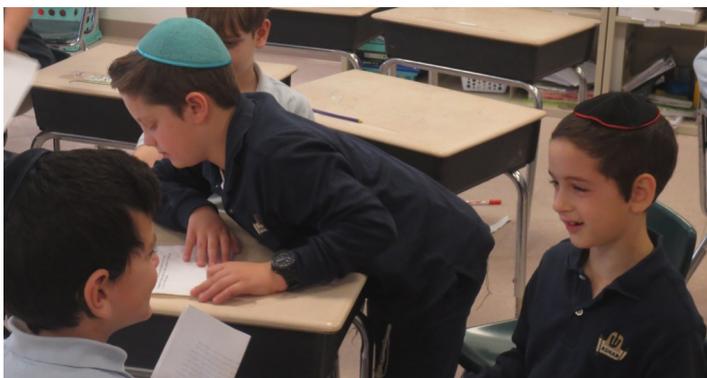
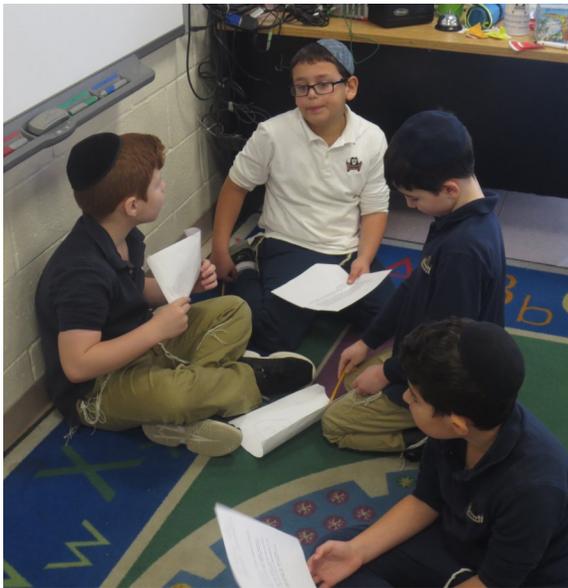
1. I am for "all the youth." 2. I am for your bed.
3. Some sing me. 4. I am a little fishy

1. We are the blessing. 2. We were swapped. 3. We are two of twelve. 4. We had wicked offspring.

Last week's answers: Yosef, Chanukia

Add and cover embarrassment, I am flame, I protected my mother, I lost my coat twice.

I am not a Sukkah, but above 20 is too high, I cannot be circular, I am similar to one in the Beis Hamikdash, I am to be seen.



Jigsaw Parsha in 3B

The **jigsaw** technique makes students dependent on each other to learn. Classes are broken into groups and the assignment is broken into pieces. Then a representative from each group joins together and teaches what he knows!



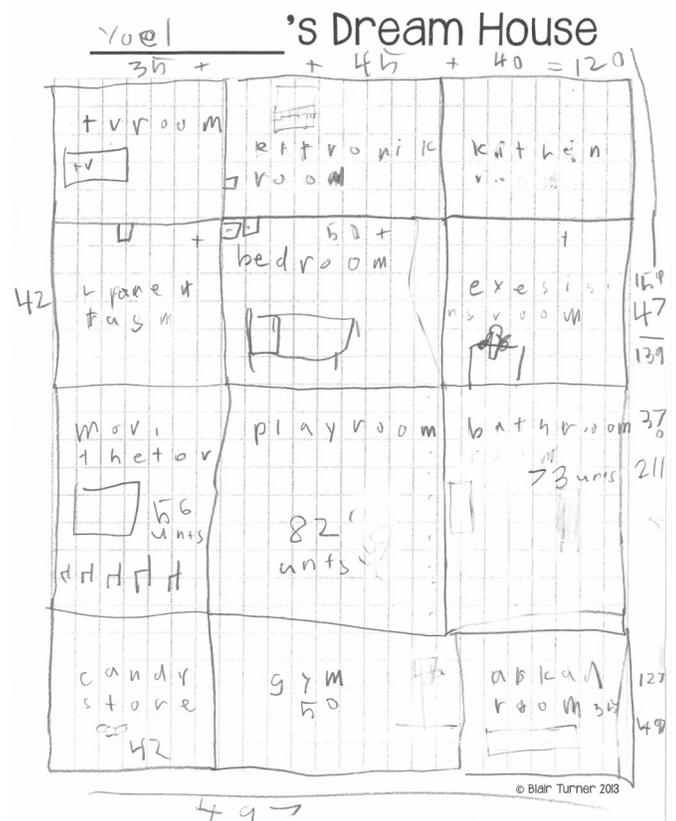
אלוהו הנביא,
אלוהו התשבי,
אלוהו הגלעדי
במהרה יבוא אלינו עם משיח בן דוד



This week's Matnas Shabbos program centered on Havdalah. Elementary school boys made their own b'somim boxes!



3B is designing their dream houses using math skills learned with Mrs. Jacobs! Here is Yoel Schreiber's!



GIRLS

Shabbaton

Preparations for the **Annual ASHAR Girls Shabbaton** were underway this week. Over 50 ASHAR Middle School girls will come together to celebrate Shabbos at Young Israel and the Jacobson home. Looking forward to a fun program!



5G Reads

ASHAR's 5th grade girls, under the instruction of Mrs. Stacy Jacobs, wrote and illustrated their own Chanukah books. This week they brought their books into one of our transition classes to read them aloud. One of the books takes place in Japan and draws upon learning that took place in 3rd grade with Mrs. Brinn!



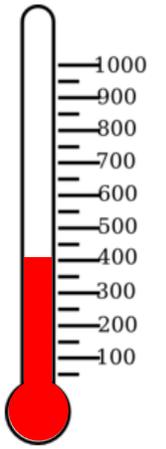
3G is Ready!

This Motzei Shabbos is the 3G Melava Malka. Our third graders have prepared a great play and special activity to do with their mothers!



ASHAR First Graders have been very busy! Last week's beautiful siddur play was accompanied by discussion and journal writing about the special day. This week many children contributed food items to a Bereshit themed celebration. The book reports keep rolling in and the class has surpassed 400 books! First Graders: Mrs. K would like you to invite her friend to join you over break. Who is it?

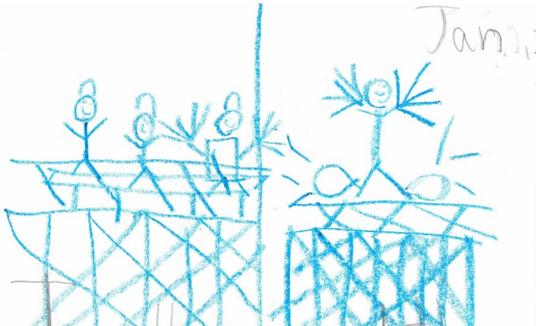
First Grade is Reading



400 books
and
counting!



First Grade is Writing

Jan. 2

 I really enjoyed the siddur play. I had fun when I was saying my part. I was making all the motions.



Jan. 2, 2020


First Grade is Davening

Mazal Tov on receiving your first siddurim last week!

I really enjoyed the siddur play. I enjoyed doing the motions. The snacks was osum. The siddur play was fun.

The siddur play was amazing.



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GOT WATER?



ASHAR is thrilled to report the installation of four new water fountain/bottle filling stations.

Good hydration is an important part of feeling well, learning well and PLAYING well! The reduction in plastic waste is tallied so we can see how our new fountains are helping our beautiful planet! And parents need only to send in a refillable water bottle instead of buying endless plastic bottles saving money, space and effort!

A huge thank you to Coach Carter for his sponsorship of this project!



Balancing the elements...

Firetrucks raced to school as the installation accidentally set off the smoke alarm! Exciting on so many levels! FIRE + WATER = ?



Elroee Bar David (7B)

on his Bar Mitzvah!

Aryeh Levi (7B)

on his Bar Mitzvah!

Adle Weiss (6G)

on her Bat Mitzvah!

Racheli Hala (7G)

on her Bat Mitzvah!

Mrs. Esther Waldman (T1)

on the birth of a baby boy!

Naomi Beller (2G)

on the wedding of her daughter Goldie!

Aryeh Gold ('09)

on his engagement to Leora Rubin!

Michal Karben ('13)

on her upcoming wedding!

Health Matters: Physicals Due

K, 1st, 3rd, 5th and 7th grades and New Students

A current physical (Health Appraisal) for the above students is mandated by New York State.

Download form at: www.ashar.org/physical

As always, any questions, please call me at x 508 or send an Email.

Nurse Trish

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COMING UP!



Varsity Hockey

Sunday, January 12, 2020 JEC@ASHAR 12pm (H)

Varsity Girls Basketball

Monday, January 13, 2020 SAR@ASHAR 6:30pm tipoff

Mid-Winter Break

Thursday, January 16, 2020 — Sunday, January 26, 2020

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Tuesday, January 28, 2020 ASHAR@MDS 6:30pm tipoff

Varsity Girls Basketball

Wednesday, January 29, 2020 KUSHNER@ASHAR 7:00pm tipoff

8th Grade Boys Basketball

Sunday, February 2, 2020 RAMAZ@ASHAR 2:00pm tipoff

7th Grade Boys Basketball

Monday, January 3, 2020 ASHAR@MORIAH 6:00pm tipoff



The Ashar Sharks Girls Basketball Team Travel to The United States Military Academy at West Point

On Thursday, January 2nd, the ASHAR Sharks Girls Basketball team, and coach Ms. Patty Darcy, spent an evening at Christl Arena, West Point, to cheer on NCAA Army Black Knights women's basketball team.

The girls got to participate in a pregame strategy session, "Chalk Talk", from one of the West Point coaches, created a fan tunnel for the Black Knights as they entered the arena, played their own basketball game on the arena floor during half time, and met the Black Knights for autographs and photo ops.

Thank you to Coach Carter for organizing this event, and all the parent drivers.

8th Grade Outplays Park East!

ASHAR's 8th Grade Boys Basketball team won against Park East Day school last night! It was a close game until the end. At one point ASHAR was down by 11, but with excellent shots, rebounds, steals and free throws they won the game!

Watch out MDS – see you on January 28th!





Grandparents, cont.

The generational connection is not just one of love and family but also a truly educational experience. Since seventh grade science is a yearlong study of human biology, there is a strong emphasis on understanding DNA, RNA, and genetics. As students master the concept of genetics, they discover familial traits that exist in their own make-up. The students always enjoy finding out which relative is also able to roll their tongue or taste bitterness and why according to the Punnett Square. When our students enter eighth grade they are solidifying their identities as members of the greater Jewish community and links in their own family chains. At this point, they are given the unique opportunity to understand just how important their link is, by participating in the Names Not Numbers project. Names Not Numbers, as part of the eighth grade Holocaust study, has students interviewing, filming and researching Holocaust Survivors. Their stories help students appreciate their own lives, families, and position in their generational chain.

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To the students of Adolph Schreiber Heb. Acad./Yeshivat Hadar Avrohom Tzvi:

On behalf of Chai Lifeline's 5,800 children and families, we would like to express our sincere gratitude from the bottom of hearts to you and your student body for joining our Annual Honey Engel Toy Drive this Chanukah season.

The eagerness of your students to give and get involved wholeheartedly reflects the exemplary character they develop from the quality education they receive at your institution.

Thanks to the collaborative efforts of parents, teachers and students, we collected over 25,000 toys across the New York region. Because of your impact, our toy drive enables Chai Lifeline to continue to carry out its mission in delivering joy and a sense of normalcy to families facing hard times. We look forward to your partnership next year to continue creating more smiles to children and families across the world.

With best wishes for a happy and healthy year,

Nachman Maimon
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Program Director

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Toy Drive Coordinator

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